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PETITION FOR GRANT OF SPECIAL STATUS

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Sir:

Applicant requests that the above-named patent application be granted Special Status. Special Status is requested based on the accelerated examination program (MPEP § 708.02 VIII).

The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00) accompanies this paper. If the fee is not correct, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

The subject application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 07/944,739, filed September 14, 1992, which is a continuation of 07/645,457, filed January 24, 1991. A pre-examination search was made by the European Patent Office to supplement the International Search in application PCT/US92/00522 corresponding to the subject application, and copies of both Search Reports are enclosed herewith. The search field, as indicated on the accompanying copy of the International Search Report encompassed US Class 514/560.

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An Information Disclosure Statement is attached hereto which lists the references which are deemed to be most relevant to the pending claims, including the references identified in the International Search Report and the Supplemental European Search Report. A brief description of each reference and its relevance is provided in the Information Disclosure Statement. References which were of record in the parent application, but are deemed cumulative or unrelated to the claimed subject matter are indicated in the accompanying Statement. While not discussed in detail, copies of these references are enclosed for the Examiner's review.

If required by the Examiner to elect among groups of claims which the Examiner may find to be distinct invention, applicants will elect without traverse. However, applicants reserve the right to exercise their options under the transitional provisions of the GATT Uruguay Round implementing legislation.

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